

FARVIEWS-PATTEE CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
General Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2007
Community Room - UM's Lewis and Clark Village, 3000 S Higgins
Ray Aten, Moderator

I. Welcome, Call to Order, and Attendance:

Ray Aten called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. He requested that all sign the attendance sheet on the table by the entrance. At 7:15 p.m. there were seventeen people in attendance.

II. Introductions:

Ray introduced the leadership team. Mary Barnett, Marcia Bishop, Dean Hendrix, and Celeste River were present. Tim Lovely was absent.

III. Presentations:

University of Montana's South Campus Master Plan Update: Dean Hendrix introduced Rose Keller, chairperson of the committee and a representative of the University of Montana. He stated that his presentation was informational and that the master plan will be a comprehensive document with an overall long term physical development plan that is consistent with the University of Montana's vision, mission, and strategic goals. He defined the plan area and said the fifteen members have been meeting since January 7th. They first explored current land use by the entire University. Then they interviewed all current users of the south campus land, for example, the hang gliders and the golfers. They then prioritized uses for the land. Academics was given the highest priority, then student housing. Allocation of the land for the high priorities was then discussed and the potential effects on surrounding neighbors. He encouraged neighbors to get involved and he provided the website for additional information and input (www.umt.edu/southcampus).

Dean Hendrix and Rose Keller took questions and comments: (1) The prioritizing was a first pass. It will be repeated later; (2) Academics got 21 green dots (no yellow, no blue); (3) Parking in the Lewis & Clark neighborhood by students is a concern; (4) There is not enough usable land at Fort Missoula, much is North of the river; (5) It is hoped that each piece of land can have multiple uses; (6) Priority was Academics (21 green dots), Athletics (3 green, 9 blue, 2 yellow), Transportation and Parking (9 blue, 2 yellow), Student Rep (8 blue, 4 yellow), Student Housing (7 green, 2 blue); (7) Student enrollment is declining; (8) There is no money to fund the plan; (9) Alumni housing got a very low priority (2 dots), along with the hang gliders.

IV. Approval of Minutes of September 27, 2006:

Mary Barnett moved for acceptance of the September 2007 minutes. Richard Twilde seconded the motion. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

V. F-PC Neighborhood Council Account Balance and Expenditure Report:

Ray reported that the new balance will be about \$600 after reimbursements for meeting expenses and the leadership team anticipates using some of the money

for two larger sandwich boards. The remainder will be used to publish and distribute a newsletter for which additional funds are available through Community Forum.

VI. City Council Representative's Forum: Issues, Questions, and Answers:

Jerry Ballas noted that Missoula is a field of dreams, "Build it and they will come", it's a great place to live and people want to live here and one of the biggest problems for Missoula is growth. Jerry believes his objective is to protect, through his representation, the neighborhoods that have elected him. He reported that the High Park trail is supposed to be done by the end of April. Soon we should be able to walk down a trail and across into High Park and walk a loop trail with benches. In addition a rail fence is being installed on the West side to stop encroachment by developers on Landon's Way. Jerry encouraged viewing public meetings that are presented on MCAT and hopes the number of meetings that are recorded will be expanded. He indicated he does not support raising City Council salaries and is opposed to planned neighborhood clusters.

Jon Wilkins expanded on planned neighborhood clusters. He indicated that the clusters are part of a planning overlay and does not need to consider neighborhood input; there is no right of protest. Also it does not appear to be affordable or attainable housing.

In response to a question, Jerry Ballas pointed out that a planned neighborhood cluster is possible for two to five lots. Over five falls under subdivision regulations. Also, there is an anti-scraping ordinance to prevent demolishing a house so that two houses can be built. This ordinance is being challenged. Jerry noted that the fire code allows building as close as three feet to the property line.

Jon Wilkins noted that the light ordinance was passed and that it is very community friendly; that a new neighborhood council, Mullen Road, has begun; that a new type of speed bump/traffic calming device is being tested.

Dean Hendrix asked about fence heights and regulations. Jerry and Jon encouraged him to call the building department and see if the builder had a building permit. Klairaine Nichwander commented on the disrupted chip seal on Imperial Way and asked Jerry and Jon to check on the status of the repair. All thanked Jerry and Jon for participating in the forum.

VII. Old Business:

Pattee Canyon Drive Traffic Calming: Ray indicated that Jerry Keene has moved and James Pool was not present to present an update.

Parks Committee – Next Steps on Park Master Planning: Dean Hendrix reported that the neighborhood council has received a \$3000 grant to develop a plan for the neighborhood parks. It will include a charette process to determine needs and viable solutions. All thanked Dean for his efforts to produce the grant application.

VIII. New Business:

Proposed Bylaws Changes: Ray presented the proposed changes which make the Farviews – Pattee Canyon bylaws consistent with City Ordinance. This change will be voted on at the next general meeting. The proposal is attached.

Review Neighborhood Council's Accomplishments and Activities: Ray presented the draft, attached, and asked for additional input. Celeste indicated that she, Kathy Gillespie, and Mary Barnett would work on additions.

Next Meeting Date (May 16th or May 23rd): May 16, 2007 was chosen as the next general meeting date.

Date for Ice Cream Social: A decision was delayed until the next meeting.

IX. Public Comment:

Kathy Gillispie introduced herself and indicated that she is a graduate student at Walla Walla University and part of a five member team doing a needs-assessment. She asked all to complete a five minute survey on public services in Missoula.

X. Announcements:

Next Leadership Team meeting is Tuesday May 3rd at 7pm at Ray Aten's house.

The Western Montana Fair has been working on a long range plan. Information can be obtained at their website: www.westernmontanafair.com.

Klairaich Nichwander volunteered to help make phone calls about the meeting.

XI. Adjourn and Cleanup:

Dean Hendrix moved for adjournment. Gary Barnett seconded the motion. **The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.** The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Aten